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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1983

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	SEPTEMBER 1983	AUGUST 1983	JULY 1983	SEPTEMBER 1982
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,408	12,331	12,294	12,329
Total civilian employment	11,312	11,128	11,147	11,073
Total unemployment	1,096	1,203	1,147	1,256
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	8.8	9.8	9.3	10.2
Range[b]	8.1–9.5	9.1–10.5	8.6–10.0	9.5–10.9
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	9.3	9.5	9.5	10.2
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,358	12,493	12,438	12,269
Total civilian employment	11,332	11,306	11,256	11,084
Total unemployment	1,026	1,187	1,182	1,185
Unadjusted rate (percent)	8.3	9.5	9.5	9.7
Range[b]	7.6–9.0	8.8–10.2	8.8–10.2	9.0–10.4

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 1983 was 8.8 percent down from the 9.8 percent in August 1983. The nation's seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was 9.3 in September of 1983 down from the 9.5 percent in August of 1983. During September California's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 184,000 over the month to a record high employment level of 11,312,000, while unemployment decreased by 107,000 to 1,096,000, the lowest since February of 1982.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 148,300 from August to September. However, the settlement of the Pacific Telephone strike and the start of the new school year accounted for approximately 90 percent of this increase. While employment in the manufacturing sector continued to decline again this month, employment increases were reported in the service industries and in wholesale and retail trade. Since September of 1982, total wage and salary employment has increased by 145,400 or 1.5 percent. The average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased from $379.00 in July to $384.00 in August.

For the week which includes the nineteenth of the month, the number of unemployment insurance claims — both with and without extended benefits — has declined each month for the last six months. For the month of September 1983, the number of regular weeks claimed was 380,700. When the extended benefits programs are included, the total number of weeks claimed was 470,700.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	SEPTEMBER 1983	AUGUST 1983	JULY 1983	SEPTEMBER 1982
Total				
Labor Force	12,358	12,493	12,438	12,269
Employed	11,332	11,306	11,256	11,084
Unemployed	1,026	1,188	1,182	1,185
Unemployment Rate	8.3	9.5	9.5	9.7
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,515	6,574	6,532	6,392
Employed	6,033	6,007	5,967	5,871
Unemployed	483	567	565	521
Unemployment Rate	7.4	8.6	8.6	8.2
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,025	4,961	4,939	4,540
Employed	4,654	4,574	4,531	4,080
Unemployed	371	387	408	456
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.8	8.3	10.0
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	818	958	967	794
Employed	645	724	759	586
Unemployed	173	234	209	208
Unemployment Rate	21.1	24.4	21.6	26.2
White				
Labor Force	10,532	10,608	10,487	10,523
Employed	9,743	9,709	9,626	9,572
Unemployed	790	899	862	951
Unemployment Rate	7.5	8.5	8.2	9.0
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,827	1,885	1,951	1,746
Employed	1,590	1,596	1,631	1,512
Unemployed	237	289	320	234
Unemployment Rate	13.0	15.3	16.4	13.4

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982
California	$383.51	$379.14	$367.46	40.2	39.7	39.3	$9.54	$9.73	$9.36

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR SEPTEMBER 1983
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
— DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY —

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 83	YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 82	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	9,948.6	9,800.3	9,803.2	148.3	145.4	1.5	1.5
Mining	47.6	47.8	49.2	−0.2	−1.6	−0.4	−3.3
Metal Mining	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.0	−0.7	0.0	−43.7
Fuel Mining	40.2	40.4	41.4	−0.2	−1.2	−0.5	−2.9
Nonmetal Mining	6.5	6.5	6.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.8
Construction	392.3	392.1	368.5	0.2	23.8	0.1	6.5
General Building Contractors	95.6	95.4	87.3	0.2	8.3	0.2	9.5
Heavy Construction	86.2	87.2	80.7	−1.0	5.5	−1.1	6.8
Special Trade Contractors	210.5	209.5	200.5	1.0	10.0	0.5	5.0
Manufacturing	1,922.0	1,927.8	1,938.0	−5.8	−16.0	−0.3	−0.8
Nondurable Goods	636.7	642.1	644.5	−5.4	−7.8	−0.8	−1.2
Durable Goods	1,285.3	1,285.7	1,293.5	−0.4	−8.2	−0.0	−0.6
Food and Kindred	196.8	202.8	210.3	−6.0	−13.5	−3.0	−6.4
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	9.4	9.6	10.0	−0.2	−0.6	−2.1	−6.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	72.0	78.0	83.6	−6.0	−11.6	−7.7	−13.9
Other Food and Kindred Products	115.4	115.2	116.7	0.2	−1.3	0.2	−1.1
Textile Mill Products	12.3	12.2	11.9	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	102.8	102.7	99.5	0.1	3.3	0.1	3.3
Paper and Allied Products	35.7	35.4	35.9	0.3	−0.2	0.8	−0.6
Printing and Publishing	123.5	123.4	122.5	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	62.6	62.5	64.1	0.1	−1.5	0.2	−2.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	31.2	31.2	32.0	0.0	−0.8	0.0	−2.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	61.1	61.1	58.4	0.0	2.7	0.0	4.6
Leather and Leather Products	10.7	10.8	9.9	−0.1	0.8	−0.9	8.1
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	51.5	51.8	45.6	−0.3	5.9	−0.6	12.9
Furniture and Fixtures	51.6	51.3	48.6	0.3	3.0	0.6	6.2
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	49.8	49.8	49.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.2
Primary Metal Industries	42.2	42.7	44.3	−0.5	−2.1	−1.2	−4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	131.2	131.8	134.5	−0.6	−3.3	−0.5	−2.5
Machinery except Electrical	209.4	210.4	217.3	−1.0	−7.9	−0.5	−3.6
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	351.0	350.0	342.7	1.0	8.3	0.3	2.4
Transportation equipment	254.8	254.0	263.8	0.8	−9.0	0.3	−3.4
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	25.8	25.4	29.2	0.4	−3.4	1.6	−11.6
Aircraft and Parts	137.4	137.2	139.0	0.2	−1.6	0.1	−1.2
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.6	17.6	22.2	0.0	−4.6	0.0	−20.7
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	64.6	64.4	64.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6
Other Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.4	9.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.2
Instruments and Related Products	101.4	101.5	100.9	−0.1	0.5	−0.1	0.5
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	42.4	42.4	46.6	0.0	−4.2	0.0	−9.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	543.0	471.8	547.4	71.2	−4.4	15.1	−0.8
Transportation	289.0	287.6	290.4	1.4	−1.4	0.5	−0.5
Railroads	24.0	24.0	23.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.1
Trucking and Warehousing	117.3	116.8	114.7	0.5	2.6	0.4	2.3
Other Transportation	147.7	146.8	152.2	0.9	−4.5	0.6	−3.0
Communications	177.7	107.9	184.1	69.8	−6.4	64.7	−3.5
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	76.3	76.3	72.9	0.0	3.4	0.0	4.7
Wholesale Trade	601.8	597.8	586.4	4.0	15.4	0.7	2.6
Retail Trade	1,744.6	1,729.7	1,695.2	14.9	49.4	0.9	2.9
General Merchandise Stores	233.7	231.4	221.9	2.3	11.8	1.0	5.3
Food Stores	259.5	257.5	252.1	2.0	7.4	0.8	2.9
Other Retail Trade	1,251.4	1,240.8	1,221.2	10.6	30.2	0.9	2.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	660.7	659.0	644.8	1.7	15.9	0.3	2.5
Finance	325.8	324.9	316.0	0.9	9.8	0.3	3.1
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	189.3	188.8	187.7	0.5	1.6	0.3	0.9
Real Estate	128.5	128.3	124.9	0.2	3.6	0.2	2.9
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	17.1	17.0	16.2	0.1	0.9	0.6	5.6
Services	2,368.5	2,355.7	2,297.0	12.8	71.5	0.5	3.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	126.5	128.5	117.0	−2.0	9.5	−1.6	8.1
Personal Services	105.7	104.1	102.0	1.6	3.7	1.5	3.6
Business Services	511.4	508.0	501.8	3.4	9.6	0.7	1.9
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	134.8	134.6	134.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Motion Pictures	78.6	78.2	72.1	0.4	6.5	0.5	9.0
Amusement and Recreation Services	115.0	117.5	100.3	−2.5	14.7	−2.1	14.7
Health Services	616.2	613.2	607.1	3.0	9.1	0.5	1.5
Other Services	680.3	671.6	662.2	8.7	18.1	1.3	2.7
Government	1,668.1	1,618.6	1,676.7	49.5	−8.6	3.1	−0.5
Federal Government	322.4	324.4	321.0	−2.0	1.4	−0.6	0.4
State and Local Governments	1,345.7	1,294.2	1,355.7	51.5	−10.0	4.0	−0.7
County	222.0	225.0	222.7	−3.0	−0.7	−1.3	−0.3
City	192.7	201.7	187.6	−9.0	5.1	−4.5	2.7
Education	670.0	605.1	686.2	64.9	−16.2	10.7	−2.4
Education State	125.0	120.0	128.2	5.0	−3.2	4.2	−2.5
Education Local	545.0	485.1	558.0	59.9	−13.0	12.3	−2.3
Other State and Local	261.0	262.4	259.2	−1.4	1.8	−0.5	0.7
Other State	173.5	174.5	174.2	−1.0	−0.7	−0.6	−0.4
Special District	87.5	87.9	85.0	−0.4	2.5	−0.5	2.9
Total Agriculture	469.0	398.0	474.6	71.0	−5.6	17.8	−1.2

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
AUGUST 1983

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,493,200	11,305,600	1,187,600	9.5
Alameda	617,800	565,075	52,725	8.5
Alpine	450	375	75	18.3
Amador	8,450	7,450	1,000	11.7
Butte	67,525	59,225	8,300	12.3
Calaveras	8,775	7,675	1,100	12.5
Colusa	8,300	7,375	925	11.2
Contra Costa	362,650	335,550	27,100	7.5
Del Norte	7,750	6,525	1,225	15.7
El Dorado	39,700	35,850	3,850	9.7
Fresno	320,800	286,000	34,800	10.8
Glenn	12,525	10,525	2,000	15.9
Humboldt	49,450	43,725	5,725	11.6
Imperial	51,350	29,900	21,450	41.8
Inyo	10,950	10,100	850	7.8
Kern	223,800	197,600	26,200	11.7
Kings	33,550	29,150	4,400	13.1
Lake	19,175	17,250	1,925	10.1
Lassen	9,250	8,375	875	9.5
Los Angeles	3,806,000	3,409,000	397,000	10.4
Madera	32,950	28,400	4,550	13.8
Marin	120,900	113,775	7,125	5.9
Mariposa	5,925	5,475	450	7.6
Mendocino	34,275	30,875	3,400	10.0
Merced	78,350	69,725	8,625	11.0
Modoc	5,750	5,275	475	8.2
Mono	5,700	4,850	850	14.9
Monterey	153,700	139,300	14,400	9.4
Napa	43,375	39,050	4,325	10.0
Nevada	23,550	20,850	2,700	11.5
Orange	1,224,400	1,146,200	78,200	6.4
Placer	61,375	55,575	5,800	9.5
Plumas	7,700	6,800	900	11.7
Riverside	279,200	240,700	38,500	13.8
Sacramento	410,375	371,275	39,100	9.5
San Benito	15,075	13,125	1,950	12.9
San Bernardino	359,700	324,900	34,800	9.7
San Diego	861,900	792,200	69,700	8.1
San Francisco	381,050	347,100	33,950	8.9
San Joaquin	187,600	161,900	25,700	13.7
San Luis Obispo	76,450	72,000	4,450	5.8
San Mateo	321,075	300,250	20,825	6.5
Santa Barbara	168,600	157,200	11,400	6.8
Santa Clara	852,500	793,500	59,000	6.9
Santa Cruz	100,000	92,100	7,900	7.9
Shasta	52,825	45,725	7,100	13.4
Sierra	1,250	1,075	175	13.1
Siskiyou	17,325	14,475	2,850	16.4
Solano	102,925	92,575	10,350	10.1
Sonoma	152,000	139,400	12,600	8.3
Stanislaus	151,900	130,200	21,700	14.3
Sutter	26,300	22,425	3,875	14.7
Tehama	16,400	14,200	2,200	13.4
Trinity	4,875	4,300	575	11.7
Tulare	125,000	109,900	15,100	12.1
Tuolumne	15,500	13,700	1,800	11.6
Ventura	272,700	243,300	29,400	10.8
Yolo	59,425	53,725	5,700	9.6
Yuba	25,100	21,350	3,750	14.9

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.